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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Haimerl

Serial No.: 10/069,057

Filed: February 15, 2002

For Footwear with a Sealed Sole Construction  
and Process for Its Production

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

) Group Art Unit: 3728  
) Examiner: Marie D. Patterson  
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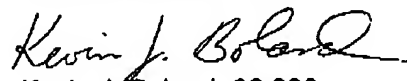
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)**

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for two (2) months, to and including March 25, 2005, be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a) in order to extend the period for response to the outstanding rejection of October 25, 2005.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-1729 for the required fee, and for any additional charges that may be incurred.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Date: March 27, 2006